

Claim 74. (New) The method of claim 52 wherein the return electrode has a substantially greater exposed surface area than the active electrode.

Claim 75. (New) The method of claim 52 wherein the return electrode has an exposed surface area at least 5 times greater than an exposed surface area of the active electrode.

REMARKS

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard R. Batt
Reg. No. 43,485

ArthroCare Corporation
680 Vaqueros Avenue
Sunnyvale, California 94085
(408) 736-0224